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Governor Hoeven Proclaims *School Nurse Day* in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed Wednesday, May 10, 2006, as *School Nurse Day* in North Dakota.

School Nurse Day honors professional nurses practicing in educational settings. Among their many responsibilities, school nurses promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student/family capacity for self-management, self-advocacy and learning.

The National Association of School Nurses recommends one nurse for every 750 students. Currently, about 80 nurses provide health services in North Dakota schools – one school nurse for every 3,572 students.

“Children learn better when they are healthy,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D. “*School Nurse Day* provides an opportunity to celebrate how much school nurses do to keep kids healthy and ready to learn.”

“School nurses play a vital role in advancing the well-being, academic success and lifetime achievement of students,” said Kim Senn, Director, for the North Dakota Department of Health’s Division of Family Health. “Today more than ever, the value of school nurses is recognized. A full appreciation of how much school nurses do to keep kids healthy is a key component of *School Nurse Day* celebrations. The Department of Health encourages schools and communities to join with their school nurses in celebrating this important day.”

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PROCLAMATION
SCHOOL NURSE DAY
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WHEREAS, children are our most valuable resource and will become North Dakota's leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the physical, mental and emotional well-being of our children is paramount to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, healthy children learn better; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's school nurses are dedicated health-care professionals who work in collaboration with families, schools and communities to develop and promote comprehensive health-care programs for our youth; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing for students' immediate health needs, school nurses continually promote healthy lifestyles and provide health and safety education to students and staff; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to promote the good health of our children and recognize school nurses for their contributions to the health and safety of our students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 10, 2006, as **SCHOOL NURSE DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor

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